have also decided to set up State Commissions. The Union Government has reminded the State Governments which have not set up State Commissions to expedite their decision.

Vigil on Line of Control

1920. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether is a fact that at least 6,000 foreigners, including Iranians, Sudanese and Arabs, are being trained in various camps in Pakistan for infiltrating into India; and

(b) if so, the action taken to keep more vigil on the Line of Control to thwart the ultras trained in Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) As per available information battle hardened foreign mercenaries from countries inimical to India like Pakistan, Afghanistan, Sudan etc. are infiltrated to intensify and upgrade the violence in the country. Training to these mercenaries is reportedly imparted in camps in various parts of Pakistan.

However, to check infiltration and terrorist incidents in the State, the Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach to curb terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, which includes, *inter-alia*, strengthening border management, dynamic deployment/redeployment of Security Forces, neutralising plans of the militants by pro-active action against them in the hinterland, including conduct of special operations, setting up nakas and ambushes, gearing up intelligence machinery, greater functional integration through an institutional frame work of Operation Groups and Intelligence Groups of the UHQ at all levels, setting up of Village Defence Committees, setting up of outposts of the Security Forces and regular patrolling, improved technology, weapons and equipments for security forces etc. As part of J and K Action Plan 1998, the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir has been advised to issue photo identity card to all male

habitants in the age group of 16 to 60 years living within 25 kms of the Line of Control/International Border.

The Cabinet Committee on Security have recently approved the project of construction of fencing and flood lighting on Jammu International Border by adopting a multi-model approach, in order to check infiltration and smuggling of weapons/explosive etc.

Counterfeit Currency

†1921. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the counterfeit currency notes circulated by I.S.I. in various States;

(b) if so, the number of such cases detected so far and action taken against them; and

(c) the State affected so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) Cases of circulation of fake Indian currency are reported from time to time from various parts of the country. Details are given in the Statement (*See* below). Available information indicates that fake Indian currency notes are being clandestinely inducted into the country from across the Indo-Pak border and Indo-Nepal Border, besides being fabricated in India through a variety of techniques involving the use of printing presses, colour photocopiers, scanners and colour printers. Government is also aware of the sinister designs of the ISI of Pakistan to destablise the economy of the country.

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.